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1. U.S. DESIRE FOR RAPID FINDING BY GATT COUNCIL THAT JAPANESE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON THROWN SILK ARE INCONSISTENT WITH JAPAN'S GATT OBLIGATIONS (REF C), DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE EXPECT SUCH A FINDING AT GATT COUNCIL MEETING JULY 26 OR WITHOUT A WORKING PARTY OR PANEL. U.S. STATEMENT, NOW BEING DRAFTED, WILL CONTAIN BRIEF REVIEW OF HISTORY OF CASE, INCLUDING U.S.-JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS,

AND ASK FOR EITHER A WORKING PARTY OR (PREFERABLY) A PANEL, AND EXPEDITED PROCEDURES.

2. MISSION SHOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN COMMITMENT FROM JAPANESE, IN ADVANCE OF JULY 26 MEETING, THAT GOJ WILL AGREE TO AN "EXPEDITED" PANEL, AS SUGGESTED BY PATTERSON; I.E., JAPANESE WOULD ACCEPT SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSALS RE PANEL MEMBERSHIP, WOULD AGREE TO AN ACCELERATED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, AND WOULD NOT SEEK TO DELAY PANEL REPORT TO COUNCIL. IF JAPANESE AGREE, MISSION WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO

ASK FOR A PANEL AT JULY 26 MEETING; OTHERWISE, WE WOULD CONSIDER CALL FOR A WORKING PARTY. VANCE

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